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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-33. (canceled)

34. (currently amended) The transfer system according to claim 31, wherein the transfer system includes A transfer system comprising:

a bagger system;

a cartoner system; and

<u>a transfer system including</u> each of an air conveyor, a servo conveyor and a fan feeder <u>in cooperation with the bagger system and the cartoner system</u>, the transfer system self adjusting for asynchronous operation of the bagger system and the cartoner system.

- 35. (previously presented) The transfer system according to claim 34, wherein the servo conveyor and fan feeder are positioned downstream of the air conveyor.
- 36. (previously presented) The transfer system according to claim 35, wherein the fan feeder is positioned downstream of the servo conveyor.
- 37. (previously presented) The transfer system according to claim 34, wherein the air conveyor retains a package delivered by the bagger system until receiving a command to transfer the package to the servo conveyor.

- 38. (previously presented) The transfer system according to claim 34, further comprising: a controller operatively connected to the transfer system for setting a speed of the servo conveyor and activating the fan feeder.
- 39. (currently amended) The vertical feed operation according to claim 32, wherein the transfer system includes A vertical feed operation comprising:

a vertical feed bagger system;

a conveyor in cooperation with the bagger system;

a cartoner system; and

a transfer system including each of an air conveyor, a servo conveyor and a fan feeder in cooperation with the conveyor and the cartoner system, the transfer system self adjusting to support asynchronous operation of the bagger system and the cartoner system.

- 40. (previously presented) The vertical feed operation according to claim 39, wherein the servo conveyor and fan feeder are positioned downstream of the air conveyor.
- 41. (previously presented) The vertical feed operation according to claim 40, wherein the fan feeder is positioned downstream of the servo conveyor.
- 42. (previously presented) The vertical feed operation according to claim 39, wherein the air conveyor retains a package delivered by the bagger system until receiving a command to transfer the package to the servo conveyor.
- 43. (previously presented) The vertical feed operation according to claim 39, further comprising: a controller operatively connected to the transfer system for setting a speed of the servo conveyor and activating the fan feeder.

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- 44. (currently amended) The conveyance system according to claim 33, wherein the transfer system includes A conveyance system comprising a bagger system, a cartoner system, and a transfer system including each of an air conveyor, a servo conveyor and a fan feeder, wherein operation of the bagger system is uncoupled to operation of the cartoner system.
- 45. (previously presented) The conveyance system according to claim 44, wherein the servo conveyor and fan feeder are positioned downstream of the air conveyor.
- 46. (previously presented) The conveyance system according to claim 45, wherein the fan feeder is positioned downstream of the servo conveyor.
- 47. (previously presented) The conveyance system according to claim 44, wherein the air conveyor retains a package delivered by the bagger system until receiving a command to transfer the package to the servo conveyor.
- 48. (previously presented) The conveyance system according to claim 44, further comprising: a controller operatively connected to the transfer system for setting a speed of the servo conveyor and activating the fan feeder.